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Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20535

April 17, 2008

MR. WILLIAM J. MAXWELL
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
608 SOUTH WRIGHT STREET
URBANA, IL 61801

Request No.: 1112985- 000
Subject: CRUSE, HAROLD

Dear Requester:

The records that you have requested were previously processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act for another requester.

Enclosed are 76 pages of documents pertaining to your request and a copy of the explanation of exemptions.

You may submit an appeal from any denial contained herein by writing to the Office of Information and Privacy, U.S. Department of Justice, 1425 New York Ave., NW, Suite 11050, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001, within sixty days from the date of this letter. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

Sincerely yours,

David M. Hardy
Section Chief,
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)

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EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could be reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could be reasonably expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
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SUBJECT Harold Cruse

FILE NUMBER 100-HQ-370842

SECTION NUMBER 1



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: HAROLD WRIGHT CRUSE, was.
SECURITY MATTER - C

DATE: AUG - 7 1950

☒ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above captioned individual.

The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME HAROLD WRIGHT CRUSE
ALIASES Harold Cruse, H. Cruse, H. W. Cruse, Harold Cruse, Harold W. Cruse, Harold Crusi, Harold Wright

RACE Negro SEX M NATIVE BORN ☒ NATURALIZED ☐ ALIEN ☐
COMMUNIST ☒ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY ☐ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE ☐
MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) ☐

TAB FOR DETCOM ☐ TAB FOR COMSAB ☐
DATE OF BIRTH March 12, 1916 PLACE OF BIRTH Petersburg, Virginia
RESIDENCE ADDRESS 116 West 117th Street, apartment 6, New York City

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address)
Freedom of the Press, Incorporated
50 East Thirteenth Street, New York City

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Strategic and Vital Industry List)
Publishes "Daily Worker"

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(5) ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT New York

NY FILE NO. 100-87332 BLR

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE AUG - 7 1950	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/3-5, 8-12; 7/11-14, 17/50	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
TITLE HAROLD WRIGHT CRUSE, was: Harold Cruse, H. Cruse, H. W. Cruse, Harold Cruse, Harold W. Cruse, Harold Cruzi, Harold Wright		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C	
<div style="display: flex;"> <div style="width: 20%; padding-right: 10px;"> <p>2</p><p>3</p><p>5</p><p>7</p><p>8</p> </div> <div> <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Subject born under name HAROLD WRIGHT at Petersburg, Va., 3/12/16. Resides 116 W. 117th St., NYC, apt. 6. Employed as writer and lecturer by "Daily Worker." Subject's Veterans record set out. Subject attended CP Veterans Convention at Washington, D. C. in 1947. In 1947 subject was a member of Ben Davis Club. Subject reputed to be fanatical supporter of Communist program. Subject member of American Newspaper Guild. Marched in May Day Parade in 1949. Attended Jefferson School of Social Science. Subject member American Labor Party. No credit record located. Description set out.</p> </div> <div style="width: 10%; text-align: right; padding-left: 10px;"> <p>b2</p><p>b7C</p><p>b7D</p> </div> </div>			
<p>- P* -</p>			
<p><u>DETAILS</u></p> <p>This investigation is predicated upon information received from Confidential Informant of known reliability, on October 30, 1948 to the effect that HAROLD CRUZE is a writer for the "Daily Worker" and is a fanatical supporter of the Communist program.</p>			
<p><u>BIRTH</u></p> <p>A review of the records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics for the State of Virginia failed to reflect any birth record for either a HAROLD WRIGHT CRUSE or a HAROLD WRIGHT CREWS. However, in Volume 415, Certificate No. 8919, the birth record of a HAROLD WRIGHT was recorded with the date and place of birth listed as March 12, 1916 at Petersburg.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Edward Schmitt</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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<p>R472, MAR 28 1963</p> <p>5 - Bureau</p> <p>3 - New York</p>		<p>100-370842</p> <p>AUG 8 1950</p> <p>RECORDED - 105</p> <p>INDEXED - 105</p> <p>EX-16</p>	
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Virginia. The race of the child was given as colored. The records further reflect that the 1946 City Directory for Petersburg, Virginia, reveals a ~~LELLA CREWS~~ resides at 849 East Bank Street in that city. It is noted that a ~~LELLA CRUSE~~ was listed as the subject's grandmother and sole dependent in his records at the Veteran's Administration, New York City.

RESIDENCE

Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised on April 21, 1950 that HAROLD WRIGHT-CRUSE is presently residing at 116 West 117th Street, apartment six, New York City.

Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, confirmed the above information by advising that an H. CRUSE and an H. W. CRUSE, both with a social security number identical with that of the subject, is employed by the Freedom of the Press, Incorporated.

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EMPLOYMENT

Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised on June 9, 1947 that the subject was employed by Freedom of the Press, Incorporated, 50 East Thirteenth Street, New York City, as a writer on the editorial staff. It is to be noted that the "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper is published by the Freedom of the Press, Incorporated.

Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised on July 14, 1950 that the subject was presently employed by the above company.

BACKGROUND

The subject's file with the Veteran's Administration, 252 Seventh Avenue, New York City, reveals the following information:

Service Record

Enlisted United States Army on March 20, 1941; discharged (honorably) September 16, 1945; rank at discharge: [] disability: 10 per cent - flat feet, third degree; Army Serial No.: 32012226.

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Education	Haaren High School, New York City. Graduated 1936.
Former Addresses	2737 Conger Avenue, New York City, 1940-1941 176 Third Avenue, New York City, 1945-1949 116 West 117th Street, New York City, 1949-present
Former Employment	Clerk, Y. M. C. A., 180 West 135th Street, New York City, 1940-1941 United States Army, 1941-1945 Veteran's Administration, 1945-1946

COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITIES

Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised that HAROLD CRUSE spoke at a meeting protesting the "lynch-murders" of Negroes in Georgia. This meeting was sponsored by the United Negro and Allied Veterans of America on August 10, 1946 in New York City.

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It is to be noted that the above organization is one coming within the purview of Executive Order No. 9835 by letters of November 24, 1947 and May 27, 1948, according to the classifications of Section three, Part three of the Executive Order.

In the May 8, 1947 issue of the "Daily Worker," an East Coast Communist newspaper, on page three, column five, an article entitled "Communist Vets Meet in Capital Today" states that the subject was one of the five hundred delegates to attend the first annual convention of the Communist Veterans of America, which met in Turner's Arena in Washington, D. C. This meeting was called by ROBERT THOMPSON, New York State Chairman of the Communist Party.

In the May 10, 1947 issue of the "Daily Worker" there appeared on page six a photograph of the subject in an Army uniform standing at the foot of the bronze monument in Washington, D. C. of the Flag Raising on Iwo Jima, while he, the subject, was in Washington, D. C. attending the first convention of the Communist War Veterans in May 1947.

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Confidential Informant [] advised on September 20, 1947 that the subject attended an executive meeting of the Communist Party on this date at the BEN DAVIS club, 2315 Seventh Avenue, New York City.

Confidential Informant [] further advised on September 18, 1947 that the subject was in attendance at the Communist Party meeting at Madison Square Garden on this date celebrating the Marxist Centennial. [] further advised that the subject was a writer and lecturer for the "Worker."

Confidential Informant [] advised on February 4, 1949 that the subject was a member of the American Newspaper Guild, Daily Worker Unit, Local No. Three and that on this date he was employed as a copy boy by the "Daily Worker."

Confidential Informant [] further advised that the subject attended a meeting of the American Newspaper Guild on October 20, 1947.

Confidential Informant [] who appeared to be reliable and who holds a responsible position with a New York newspaper, stated that the New York Chapters of the American Newspaper Guild were completely subjugated to the Communist Party influence.

Confidential Informant [] stated that HAROLD CRUZE on June 26 and 27, 1948 was in attendance at the Harlem Regional Convention of the Communist Party held in the Elks Hall, 15 West 126th Street, New York City. [] further advised in December 1948 that HAROLD CRUZE, of the Lincoln Douglas Club in the Harlem Section of the Communist Party, New York City []

[] advised that the club's membership aids and works with the subject.

Confidential Informant [] stated that on December 11, 1948 HAROLD CRUZE was present at a dance given by the "Daily Worker" in the Penthouse Ballroom, 13 Astor Place, New York City.

Confidential Informant [] advised on January 18, 1949 that the subject was Treasurer of the Daily Worker Unit of the American Newspaper Guild.

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Confidential Informant [] stated that the subject was in attendance and marched in the Communist Party sponsored May Day Parade in 1949 in New York City.

Confidential Informant [] advised that HAROLD CRUZE attended the PAUL ROBESON Rally held on June 19, 1949 at the Rockland Palace, New York City. The subject, an employee of the "Daily Worker," advised [] that he had recently completed a thirty-week course at the Jefferson School of Social Science.

It is to be noted that during April 1944, New York Informant [] who is a reliable informant, advised that PAUL ROBESON was a Communist Party member under the name of JOHN THOMAS.

It is further noted that the Jefferson School of Social Science appears on the Attorney General's list as an organization coming within the purview of Executive Order No. 9835.

Confidential Informant [] advised on August 11, 1949 that a press release entitled "Forty Writers and Artists Lecture Court House Captain on Democracy" had been prepared by the Writers and Artists Committee to Free the Three, protesting the jailing on contempt charges of HENRY WINSTON, GUS HALL, and GILBERT GREEN. It is noted that the above were three of the eleven Communist leaders on trial for conspiracy to overthrow the Government of the United States by force and violence. The subject's name appeared as a signer to the above petition.

An article in the "Daily Worker" of August 17, 1949, on page nine, column one, entitled "Free Winston Banners Ring Detroit Building" states in the second paragraph that 100 writers and artists yesterday demanded immediate freedom for HENRY WINSTON, GUS HALL and GILBERT GREEN. The subject's name appeared as a signer to this petition.

Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised on November 23, 1949 that the subject was one of the persons sending communications to the Judge protesting the trial of the eleven leaders of the Communist Party.

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Confidential Informant [] advised in November 1949 that the subject was a feature writer for the "Daily Worker" and was a member of the Communist Party.

It is to be noted that the subject has had the following articles appear in the "Daily Worker" under his by-line:

Review of American Negro Theatre Production "Freight" on March 2, 1949;
"China Changed My Mind" - Book Review - April 18, 1949;
Review of Stage Production "Gayden" - May 17, 1949;
Letter entitled "Bill Robinson - the Artist, the Individual" - January 22, 1950.

Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised on April 17, 1950 that HAROLD W. CRUSE was a member of the International Workers Order, Lodge No. 691, Harlem, New York City.

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It is to be noted that the International Workers Order is an organization listed by the Attorney General as one coming within the purview of Executive Order No. 9835.

Confidential Informants [] and [] all of known reliability, advised they they were not aware of any Communist Party activities of the subject.

MISCELLANEOUS

The records of the New York City Board of Elections reflected that in 1948 the subject registered under the emblem of the American Labor Party. In connection with the American Labor Party, the report of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, Seventy-ninth Congress, dated May 29, 1946, at Washington, D. C. reflects the following information:

"2) Cited as a Communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, March 29, 1944 (Pages 49,77F; 153, 189)."

The files of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York as reviewed on May 8, 1950 failed to reflect any information identifiable with the subject.

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DESCRIPTION

The following description of the subject was obtained from the file of the Veteran's Administration:

Name:	HAROLD WRIGHT CRUSE, was: Harold Cruse, H. Cruse, H. W. Cruse, Harold Cruse, Harold W. Cruse, Harold Cruzi, Harold Wright
Sex:	Male
Race:	Negro
Born:	March 12, 1916 at Petersburg, Virginia
Residence:	116 West 117th Street, apartment six, New York City
Height:	5' 10"
Weight:	155 lbs.
Build:	Medium
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Brown
Complexion:	Dark
Occupation:	Reporter - Lecturer (Freedom of the Press, Inc. 50 East Thirteenth Street)
Marital Status:	Single
Immediate Relatives:	Father: HANSON S. CRUSE, 116 West 117th Street Stepmother: FLORENCE CRUSE, 116 West 117th Street, New York City
Social Security:	134-22-1187
Army Serial No:	32012226.

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ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

The birth records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics for the State of Virginia as reviewed by Special Employee [redacted] of the Richmond Division on June 8, 1950 reflect that the subject's mother's name was listed in these records as KATIE WRIGHT and the subject as illegitimate with no father's name listed.

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The files of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were reviewed by Special Employee [redacted]

The records of the New York City Board of Elections, Manhattan Borough, were reviewed by Special Employee [redacted]

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At New York, New York

Will await Bureau decision concerning Form 122 submitted
on subject.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT PAGE

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA [redacted]
Jr., dated AUG - 7 1950 at New York, New York, are as follows:

[redacted]
Quarterly Report of the New York State Department of Labor
as filed by Freedom of the Press Inc., 1948

[redacted]
[redacted] New York City
[redacted]

The records of the Bureau of Special Services and Investigation,
Police Department, New York City, as reviewed by SA [redacted]
[redacted] on May 4, 1950

[redacted]
[redacted] New York City
[redacted]
[redacted]

The records of G-2 as reviewed by SA [redacted] on May 8, 1950

[redacted] contacted by SA [redacted] on or about May 10, 1950
[redacted] contacted by SA [redacted] on or about May 10, 1950
[redacted] contacted by SA [redacted] on or about May 10, 1950
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[redacted] contacted by SA [redacted] on or about
May 10, 1950.

[redacted] contacted by SA [redacted] on or about
May 10, 1950.

[redacted] contacted by SA [redacted] on or about
May 10, 1950.

SA [redacted], who contacted subject's place
of employment under suitable pretext on July 14, 1950.

[redacted]
[redacted] U. S. Court House, Foley Square, New York City
as contacted by [redacted]

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-)
 FROM : SAC, New York (100-87332)
 SUBJECT: HAROLD WRIGHT CHUSE, was.
 SECURITY MATTER - C

DATE: May 14, 1952

Card U.T.D.

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It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

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The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

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NAME _____

ALIASES _____

NATIVE BORN _____ NATURALIZED _____ ALIEN _____

COMMUNIST _____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

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TAB FOR DETCOM X TAB FOR COMSAB X RACE _____ SEX _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Vital Facility List)

"Served in Armed Forces World War II"

RESIDENCE ADDRESS _____

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-
FROM : SAC, New York (100-87332)
SUBJECT: HAROLD WRIGHT CRUSE, was.
SECURITY MATTER - C

DATE: May 29, 1952

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Card U.T.D.

6-16-52 *et*

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NAME

ALIASES

Delete Aliases H. Cruse, H.W. Cruse
Harold Cruse FZ

NATIVE BORN _____ NATURALIZED _____ ALIEN _____

COMMUNIST _____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify)

TAB FOR DETCOM _____ TAB FOR COMSAB _____ RACE _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address)

Unemployed

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Vital Facility List)

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March 19, 1953

Director, FBI

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HAROLD WRIGHT CRUSH
SECURITY MATTER - C

SECURITY INFORMANT PROGRAM
NEW YORK DIVISION

Reurlet March 12, 1953.

Authority is granted to contact subject in accordance with the plan outlined on page two of your letter. In conducting this interview, you should be guided by existing Bureau instructions relating to interviews with security subjects. Advise Bureau results.

If the above interview cannot be conducted within thirty days, the Bureau should be furnished the reason why the contact has not been made and when you anticipate conducting the interview.

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Belmont _____
Clegg _____
Glavin _____
Harbo _____
Rosen _____
Tracy _____
Laughlin _____
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conditions. Lt. by 6/20/53.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 3/12/53

FROM : SAC, New York [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: HAROLD WRIGHT CRUSE, was
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NEW YORK DIVISION~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Gearty	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Winterrowd	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Holloman	_____
Mr. Sizoo	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

In connection with captioned program, subject is being considered for interview as a potential security informant within this division. The following is set out for the Bureau's information:

BACKGROUND:

CRUSE was born 3/16/16 at Petersburg, Va. He is single, a native born citizen of the negro race. Subject is reported to have graduated from the Haaren High School in 1936. From 1946 to 1951 CRUSE was employed as a Librarian and in other capacities by Freedom of the Press Co., Inc., then publisher of the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker". In 1952, subject was employed as a hospital attendant by the Department of Hospitals, City of NY. Subject is presently reported to be unemployed. He resides at 203 West 14 St., NYC.

COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITY:~~EXCLUDED PROCESSING~~

In May, 1947, subject was one of five hundred delegates who attended the first annual convention of the Communist Veterans of America at Turner's Arena, Washington, D.C.

[REDACTED] In June, 1948, subject attended the Harlem Regional Convention of the CP. In 1949, it was learned subject had completed a thirty week course at the Jefferson School of Social Science. [REDACTED]

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As set out above, subject was employed as a Librarian at Freedom of the Press, Inc., publishers of the "Daily Worker" from 1946 to 1951. CRUSE was also a copy boy in that establishment, and later wrote feature articles for the "Daily Worker".

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NY [redacted]

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No information has been developed to the effect that subject has defected from the CP. In 1952, CRUSE had some connection with the Chelsea Tenants Council, an affiliate of the NY Tenant Welfare and Consumer Council, which has been reported to be a Communist dominated organization.

The subject is included in the Security Index program in the NY Division.

PLAN OF APPROACH:

It is planned that the subject will be approached in a direct manner by two Agents of the NY Division. The approach will be made in a secure location away from the subject's residence.

Bureau authority is requested to interview CRUSE as a potential security informant.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-370842)

DATE: 2/11/53

FROM : SAC, New York (100-87332)

SUBJECT: HAROLD WRIGHT CRUSE, was;
S.M. - CGAC
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DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Vital Facility List) _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 203 W. 14th St., N.Y., N.Y.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

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DATE 2-18-53

Harold Wright Cruse.

ATTENTION:

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James E. Baumgardner

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SUMMARY
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In September 1952, the FBI furnished PD with a report dated August 7, 1950, in the case of Harold Wright Cruse, as the result of a name check. The transmittal sheet bore the notation that the Headquarters of the FBI, Washington, D. C. desired to be advised of the action taken based on the information supplied.

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It is requested that the FBI be informed that passport No. 724181 which was issued to Cruse on August 29, 1952, and which has never been used as a travel document was surrendered in November, 1952, by him, at the Department's request.

[Redacted Box]

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TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, NY (100-87332)
SUBJECT: HAROLD WRIGHT CRUSE
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SECURITY INFORMANT PROGRAM
NY DIVISION

DATE: 6/25/53

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Rebulet 3/19/53.

In connection with attempts to interview CRUSE, under captioned program, continuing efforts have been made in order to interview subject in accordance with Bureau instructions.

Investigation conducted to date, plus surveillances and spot checks have failed to provide an opportunity to interview subject alone or under full security conditions.

It is not felt, at this time, that it is worthwhile to expend further time and effort in an attempt to interview this subject, therefore he is being removed from the PSI program for possible consideration in the future and will be replaced by another name.

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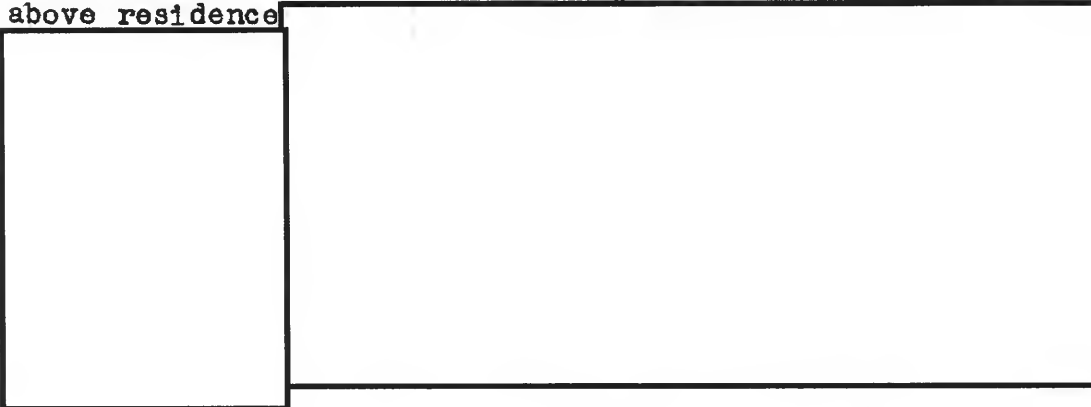
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 8/19/54	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/24; 7/7, 8, 12, 14, 15, 19-23; 8/2, 9, 10/54	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px; display: inline-block;"></div> tab
TITLE HAROLD WRIGHT CRUSE, was			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Subject resides 203 W. 14th St., NYC. Present employment unknown. Informants report subject's name appeared on list which contained numerous CP members and functionaries. 1950; sent letter to [REDACTED] 1951; subscribed to "Jewish Life", 5/22/47 to 5/22/48; HENRY WINSTON sent letter to subject requesting he attend meeting 4/23/51; participated in May Day Parade, 1951. Subject wrote reviews for "Daily Worker", 1949-1951. Subject received passport 8/29/52 for travel to Europe which was returned to Passport Office unused in November, 1952.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>DETAILS: All sources designated with a T symbol in this report are of known reliability unless otherwise indicated.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>I. BACKGROUND</u></p> <p><u>Residence</u></p> <p>On November 12, 1952, [REDACTED] advised that subject's new address was 203 West 14th Street, New York City.</p> <p>On August 5, 1953, [REDACTED] premises at 203 West Avenue, New York City, [REDACTED]</p> <div style="float: right; text-align: right;">b7C b2 b7D</div>			
<p>COPIES DESTROYED R472 MAR 28 1963</p>		<p>AGENCY <u>NYHQ, State</u> REQ REC'D DATE FORW. <u>8-30-54</u> HOW FORW. <u>R/S (6-6) (6-14)</u> BY [REDACTED]</p>	
<p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>gjk/oe</i></p>		<p>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p>	
<p>COPIES OF THIS REPORT</p> <p>5 - Bureau (100-370842) (RM)</p> <p>3 - New York (100-87332)</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">COPY IN FILE</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">15-255</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 3/30/2001 BY SP2RM/mt</p> <p style="text-align: center;"># 530169</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AUG 22 1954</p> </div> <div style="float: right; text-align: right;"> <p style="font-weight: bold;">SERIALIZED-57</p> <p style="font-weight: bold;">INDEXED-57</p> <p style="font-weight: bold;">EX-125</p> </div>	

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14th Street, advised that the subject had moved to the above residence



On July 7, 1954, [redacted] of unknown reliability, but who is in a position to furnish residence information regarding the subject, advised that the subject continues to reside in an apartment at the top floor rear at 203 West 14th Street.

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Employment

On May 21, 1952, [redacted] of unknown reliability, but in a position to furnish employment information regarding the subject, advised that the subject was no longer employed by the "Daily Worker".

On November 12, 1952, [redacted] Division of Personnel, Department of Hospitals, 125 Worth Street, advised that the subject was appointed as an hospital attendant on February 15, 1952 and worked at Harlem Hospital until October 27, 1952 when he resigned for personal reasons.

On June 19, 1953, [redacted] advised that in early 1953 subject had stated he was attending a theatrical school in order to obtain employment as an author and director. He also claimed to be doing some work in the theatre line. Informant was unable to further identify the school the subject was attending or to elaborate on subject's theatrical work.

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On July 7, 1954, [] supra, advised he believed subject is attending some school under the G.I. Bill. The informant could furnish no further information regarding this school.

On July 19, 1954, [] advised that the subject had been employed as a film technician at Sterling Television Company, Incorporated, 205 East 43rd Street, New York City, as of May, 1953.

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On July 21, 1954, [] of unknown reliability, but who is in a position to furnish information regarding subject's employment, advised that the subject terminated his employment with Sterling Television Company, Incorporated in approximately April, 1954. Informant was unable to furnish any current employment for the subject.

Identification Record

The following is the Identification Record of the subject as maintained in the files of the Identification Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, under FBI number 56330B:

<u>Contributor of Fingerprints</u>	<u>Name and Number</u>	<u>Arrested or Received</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
PD, Petersburg, Va.	HAROLD CREWS #1544	4/23/34	larc & aslt pol officer & B & E	
Army	HAROLD WRIGHT CRUSE #32012226	3/12/41 NY, NY		

Fingerprint Classification

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II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY MOVEMENT

Communist Party Membership

On June 20, 1950, [] furnished a list of names and addresses, many of whom, according to the informant, were noted to be Communist Party members or Communist Party functionaries. The subject's name appeared on this list.

In August, 1951, [] advised that the subject had written a letter to [] []

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It is noted that the Jefferson School of Social Science has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Regarding [] on March 25, 1951, [] advised that he had ascertained that [] is "out of circulation" which term, it is the informant's impression, means a person is connected with the Communist Party underground.

Evidence of Communist Party Sympathies

"Jewish Life"

Concerning "Jewish Life", the following appears in a booklet entitled, "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, May 14, 1951:

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- "1. 'Among typical examples of the Communist press and publications.' Published by the Morning Freiheit Association, Inc. (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, pp. 49 and 225.)
- "2. A Communist International publication distributed by the Communists' Progressive Book Shop in Boston, Mass. (Massachusetts House Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1938, p. 281.)"

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[redacted] advised on July 6, 1951 that the subject was a subscriber to "Jewish Life" from May 22, 1947 to May 22, 1948.

Writings For the "Daily Worker"

The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist daily newspaper.

The "Daily Worker" of March 2, 1949, page 13, reflects an article captioned "On State", reflecting a letter on the American Negro Theatre Production of "Freight" written by the subject. The subject comment regarding this play as follows: "This play is devoid of progressive realism to the point of being reactionary which is lamentable in view of the excellent acting, staging and directing."

The "Daily Worker" for April 14, 1949, page 11, column 1, reflects a review of the book "China Changes My Mind", which review was written by the subject.

The "Daily Worker" for May 17, 1949, page 12, column 1, reflects an article captioned "On 'Stage', 'Gayden' another play on a psycopath" written by the subject.

The "Daily Worker" for October 31, 1950, page 11, column 3, reflects a review of an Italian Motion picture "Flesh Will Surrender." This review was written by the subject.

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Subject comments that the story "isn't worth the efforts of a self-respecting group of film artists even of the right-wing variety. The theme is archaic, idealistic, its social value nil".

The "Daily Worker" for March 23, 1951, page 10, column 3, reflects an article entitled "People's Dance Group Initiates Weekend Program". This article states that the People's Dance Group, 130 West 23rd Street, would sponsor a series of Sunday dance programs presenting young modern dances to the public. The article also stated that as part of the group's educational program, a series of round-table discussions would be held led by HAROLD CRUSE dealing with Negro history and culture. The discussions were to be held every Saturday from three to five P.M.

The "Daily Worker" editions for March 30, 1951, page 10, columns one through five, and April 2, 1951, page 11, columns two through four, reflect a review of MARK CONNELLY'S "Green Pastures", written by the subject.

The "Daily Worker" for February 13, 1952, page 8, column 5, reflects an article entitled "Honor Heroes Friday in Fight on Housing Bias". This article stated that various Negro families who had moved into previously all white communities would be honored on the following Friday night by the Manhattan Tenants Council at the Orchid Room of Small's Paradise, 135th Street and 7th Avenue, New York City. Among those listed to be honored was one HAROLD CRUSE of Greenwich Village.

☐ advised the following concerning the subject on the dates indicated:

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April 19, 1950

Subject's name appears on a "Daily Worker" staff check list dated March 27, 1950 inviting all guild members of the "Daily Worker" to be present at a meeting to be held April 14, 1950.

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June 6, 1950

Subject's name appeared on a "Daily Worker" staff committee list inviting members to a meeting to be held April 28, 1950 to hear a report by FRED FINE.

August 10, 1950

Subject made a donation to a fund sponsored by the editors of the "Daily Worker" to send Care packages to imprisoned Greek Communist Journalists.

Regarding FRED FINE, it is noted that FRED FINE was one of the eleven leaders of the Communist Party, USA, who were convicted of a violation of the Smith Act in Federal District Court, Southern District of New York, October, 1949.

On October 9, 1947, [] advised that the subject, who he identified as "a writer and lecturer for the 'Daily Worker'" was present at the Marxist Centennial Celebration held September 8, 1947 at Madison Square Garden, New York City. b2 b7D

May Day Parade

Concerning the May Day Parade, the following appears in a booklet entitled, "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, May 14, 1951:

- "1. 'The May Day Parade in New York City is an annual mobilization of Communist strength.' (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, p. 179.)"

The United May Day Committee has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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On February 25, 1954, [] advised that the subject had been a participant in the 1951 May Day Parade sponsored by the United May Day Committee and held in New York City on May 1, 1951.

Affiliation with Various Organizations

The International Workers Order has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On the dates indicated, [] advised of the following activities of the subject in connection with the International Workers Order (IWO).

December 23, 1947

Subject was a member of IWO Lodge 691 during December, 1946.

February 21, 1950

Subject re-applied for membership in IWO Lodge 691 on August 3, 1949.

Communist Party Associates

On April 3, 1951, [] advised that []

[] The informant was unable to advise the significance of this meeting.

It is noted that HENRY WINSTON was one of the eleven Communist Party leaders who were convicted on a violation of the Smith Act in Federal District Court, Southern District of New York, in October, 1949.

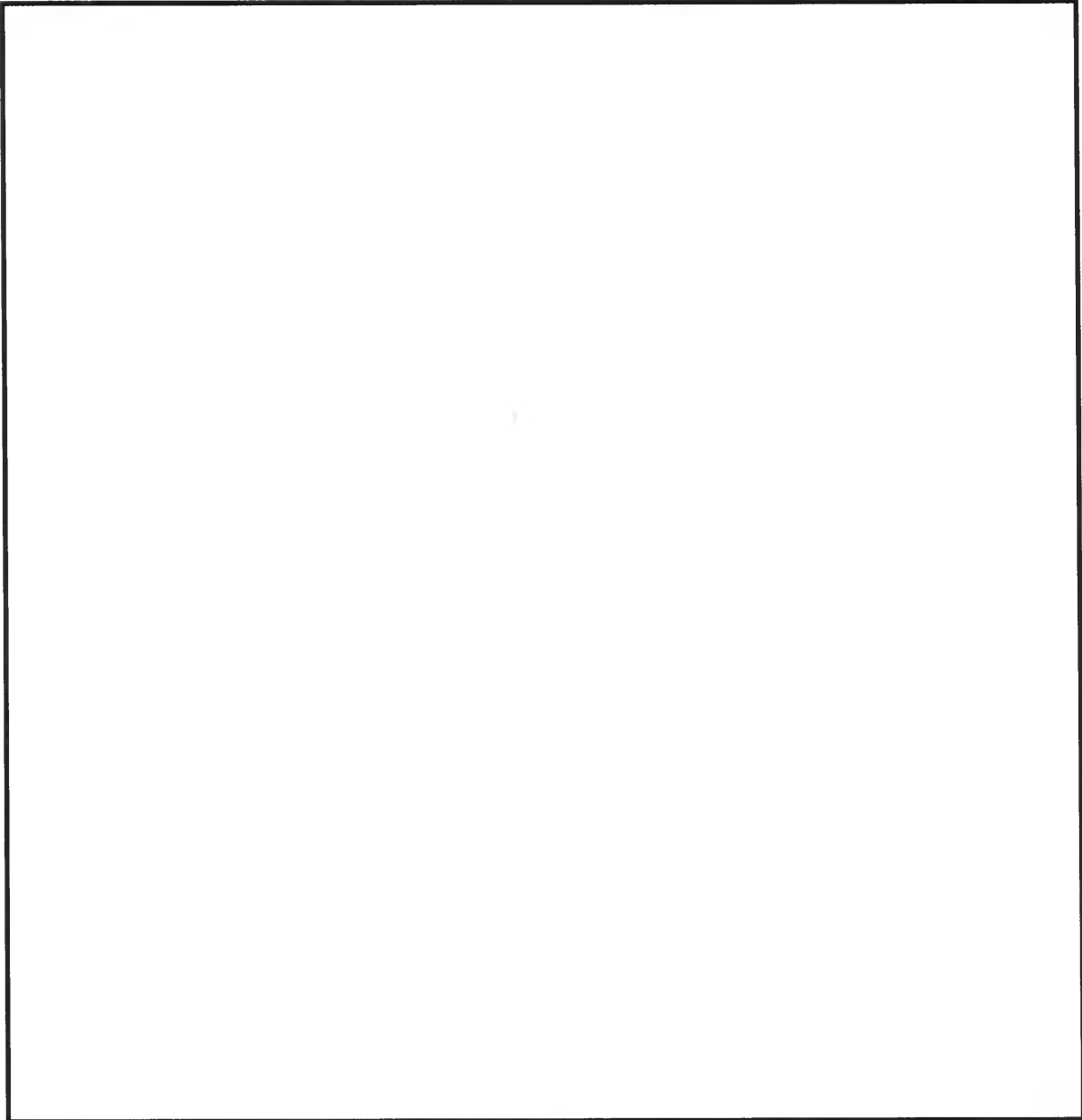
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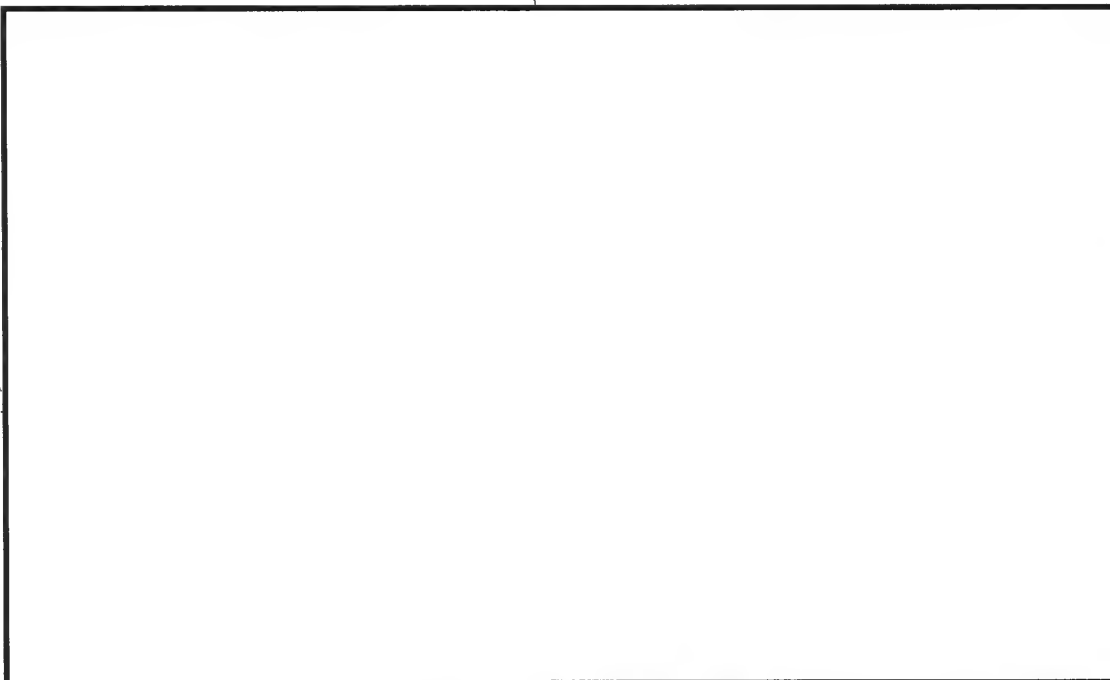
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On July 12, 1954, [redacted] advised he could furnish no current information regarding the subject.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, as reviewed by SE [redacted] on July 15, 1954, contain no reference to the subject. b7C b7D

[redacted] advised on July 22, 1954 that the subject opened an account at the Amalgamated Bank of New York on June 3, 1952. At the time the subject opened his account he gave the following individual as reference: [redacted] New York City. b2

Regarding [redacted] [redacted] advised that [redacted] had been a member of the Communist Party, Washington, D.C., during the early 1940's. The informant indicated that [redacted] had come to Washington, D.C., from New York City in about 1940 to work at the Census Bureau.

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According to the informant, [] did not make much of an attempt to keep his membership in the Communist Party a secret.

[] advised in January, 1946 that he had ascertained that HAROLD CRUSE, not further identified, had contacted [] of the Communist Party, USA Headquarters and inquired regarding the requirements for attendance at a political economy seminar, he desired to attend. According to [] told this individual that he must have some education in Marxism and must be interviewed.

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[REDACTED]	Residence, 1952	11/12/52	[REDACTED]	100-87332-38
	Employment, 1953	7/19/54		Instant report
[REDACTED]	Residence and employment, 1954	7/7/54		Instant report
St., NYC				
[REDACTED]				
Pretext phone call to "Daily Worker"	Employment, 1952	5/21/52	[REDACTED]	100-87332-34
[REDACTED]	6/19/53			
Pretext phone call to Sterling Television Co., Inc. OX 7-2520	Employment, 1954	7/21/54		Instant report

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[REDACTED]	Name on CP list	6/30/50	[REDACTED]	100-85800- 1B7690
	Letter to [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	8/6/51	[REDACTED]	100-87332- 29
	Subscriber to "Jewish Life" May, 1947 to May, 1948	7/6/51	[REDACTED]	100-87332- 28
	[REDACTED]	4/3/51	[REDACTED]	97-169
	Member IWO #691 December, 1946	12/23/47	[REDACTED]	100-2936- 1A645
	Reapplied for membership, IWO #691, 8/3/49	2/21/50	[REDACTED]	100-2936- 1A645-(18)
	Name on "Daily Worker" staff list.	4/19/50	[REDACTED]	97-169- 2670
		6/6/50	[REDACTED]	97-169- 2578

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[redacted] (Cont'd)	Contributed to "Daily Worker" Care package fund for Greek Communist journal- ists	8/10/50	[redacted]	97-169- 2716
[redacted]	Attended Marxist Centennial, 9/18/47	10/9/47	[redacted]	100-26603- 5894
[redacted]	Used to Document	[redacted]	[redacted]	
[redacted]	Participated in May Day Parade, 1951	2/25/54	[redacted]	100-87332- 53 100-47142- 1B171 (photo 9-F)
[redacted] Office of Security, U.S. Dept. of State, Washington, D.C.	Return of sub- ject's passport	5/24/54	[redacted]	100-87332- 55

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[redacted] Health Insurance Plan	Negative	7/12/54	[redacted]	Instant report
[redacted]	Subject's bank account, 1952-1954	7/22/54	[redacted]	Instant Report
[redacted]	Used to Document	[redacted]		
[redacted]	1/16/46			

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It is noted that [redacted] given by the subject as a reference in 1952, [redacted]

An amended FD-122 reflecting subject's employment status has been submitted.

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At New York, New York

Will continue investigation to ascertain subject's present employment.

REFERENCE Report of SA [redacted] New York, 8/7/50.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-370842)

DATE: 8/10/54

FROM : SAC, New York (100-87332)

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SUBJECT: HAROLD WRIGHT CRUSE, was.
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It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

☒ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME _____

ALIASES _____

NATIVE BORN _____ NATURALIZED _____ ALIEN _____

COMMUNIST _____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) _____

TAB FOR DETCOM _____ TAB FOR COMSAB _____ RACE _____ SEX _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

Unknown

KEY FACILITY DATA:

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INTERESTED AGENCIES _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS _____

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE FEB 1 1955	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/28; 11/3, 4/54; 1/10, 25/55	REPORT MADE BY [Redacted] DGC
TITLE HAROLD WRIGHT CRUSE, was: Harold Cruze, Harold Cruzi, Harold Wright			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject residing 203 West 14th St., NYC and reportedly intermittently employed in radio industry, NYC. Subject previously employed by Veterans Administration, NYC.			
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DETAILS: All informants used in this report are of known reliability unless designated otherwise.			
<u>BACKGROUND</u>			
A. <u>Education</u>			
[Redacted] another government agency which maintains personnel records, advised that HAROLD WRIGHT CRUSE attended the New Institute, Incorporated for Film and Television, 29 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn 17, New York during 1951 and claimed prior attendance 1930 to 1934 at Peabody High School, Petersburg, Virginia and Fred Douglass High School, New York City.			
B. <u>Employment</u>			
[Redacted] previously mentioned, advised that his records reflect that HAROLD WRIGHT CRUSE was employed for one and one-half years at the Young Men's Christian Association, 180 West 135th Street, New York City; was in military service, Army Serial Number 32 012 226, from March 20, 1941 to September 16, 1945; was librarian, Freedom of the Press, Incorporated, 50			
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East 13th St., New York City, 1946-1951; and was employed by the Veterans Administration, 346 Broadway, New York City.

[redacted] of unknown reliability, but who is in a position to know the subject's activities, advised that the subject is intermittently employed in radio industry in New York City but has no regular employment.

[redacted] advised that HAROLD WRIGHT CRUSE, 203 West 14th Street, New York City, was employed in 1953 as an addressograph operator, 345 Hudson Street, New York City.

C. Residence

[redacted] 203 West 14th Street, New York City, advised that HAROLD CRUSE resides in an apartment on the top floor rear at that address.

D. Status of Health

[redacted] previously mentioned, advised that HAROLD CRUSE was receiving a United States Government Disability check of \$13.80 for flat feet, military service incurred.

DESCRIPTION

The following description of the subject was obtained from observation of the subject by SA [redacted] information furnished by [redacted] and the records of the Identification Division of the FBI:

Name	HAROLD WRIGHT CRUSE
Aliases	Harold Cruze, Harold Cruze, Harold Wright
Sex	Male
Race	Negro
Born	3-12-16 at Petersburg, Virginia
Residence	203 West 14th St., New York City, New York
Height	5' 10"
Weight	155 lbs.
Build	Medium
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Dark
Distinguishing characteristic	mustache
Occupation	intermittently employed in radio industry, NYC
Marital status	single
Relatives	Father, HANSON S. CRUSE, 116 W. 117th St., NYC Stepmother, FLORENCE CRUSE, " "
Soc. Sec. #	134-22-1187
Army Ser. #	32 012 226

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[redacted] Subject's File C 7326438, VA 252 7th Ave., NYC	Education Employment Health	11-3-54	[redacted]	Instant Report
[redacted] Pretext phone call to [redacted] [redacted] St., NYC	Employment	1-10-55	"	"
[redacted]	Employment	7-28-54	[redacted]	"

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For the information of the St. Louis Office, it has been reliably reported that HAROLD CRUSE spoke at a meeting on August 10, 1946 in New York City sponsored by the United Negro and Allied Veterans of America organization; was a delegate at the First Annual Convention of the Communist Veterans of America. Turner's Arena. Washington. D. C. in May 1947.

[redacted] attended a meeting of the CP celebrating the Marxist Centennial at Madison Square Garden, NYC September 18, 1947; was employed 2-4-49 as a copy boy by the "Daily Worker"; attended the Harlem Regional Convention of the CP at the Elks Club, 15 West 126th St., NYC June 26 and 27, 1948; attended a "Daily Worker" sponsored dance at the Penthouse Ballroom, 13 Astor Place, NYC 12-11-48; was treasurer of the "Daily Worker" unit of the American Newspaper Guild, 1-18-49; was a member of IWO Lodge 691, Harlem, NYC, 4-17-50 and was librarian at the Freedom of the Press, Inc., publishers of the "Daily Worker", 1946-1951 and has written feature articles for the "Daily Worker"; subscribed to "Jewish Life" from 5-22-47 to 5-22-48.

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Lead
At 4300 Goodfellow Boulevard

Will review the subject's military record, ASN 32 012 226, for

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background information and any subversive information.

At Personnel Records Center, GSA, 1724 Locust St., will obtain the subject's personnel file reflecting employment with Veterans Administration, New York City, and review for background information and determine if the subject executed a loyalty oath and the date the oath was executed.

REFERENCE:

Report of SA

8-7-50, NY.

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REPORT MADE AT ST. LOUIS, MO.	DATE WHEN MADE 4/18/55	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/9, 21; 3/14, 22, 23; 4/8/55	REPORT MADE BY SE [redacted] nln
TITLE HAROLD WRIGHT CRUSE, was. Harold Cruze, Harold Cruze, Harold Wright			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Subject served in U. S. Army from 3/12/41 to 9/16/45. Received Honorable Discharge. Background and descriptive data set out. Records FRC, GSA, SLMO., indicate HAROLD W. CRUSE employed by Veterans Admn. at New York, N. Y. Supervisors set out. Terminated by resignation. Additional background data set out. Signed loyalty affidavit 10/2/45 and indicated loyalty on application dated 9/28/45. No photo contained in file. Born 3/8/16 at Petersburg, Va.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI</u></p> <p>A review on April 8, 1955 of the Army service record on file at the Adjutant General's Office, Military Personnel Records Center, World War II Unit, Department of the Army, for HAROLD WRIGHT CRUSE, Army Serial No. 32 012 226, indicates that he was inducted into the U. S. Army on March 12, 1941 and entered on active duty on March 20, 1941 at New York City. He was honorably discharged on September 16, 1945 as a Technician Fourth Grade from the Separation Center at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland by reason of demobilization. No Reserve service indicated. He served two years, ten months and six days in foreign service in the European African Middle Eastern Theater and participated in the battles and campaigns of Algeria French Morocco and Rome-Arno. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Medal, and the European African Middle Eastern Theater Medal with two Bronze Stars.</p>			
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His character and efficiency ratings ranged from unknown to excellent. There is no record of courts-martial or absence without leave.

The following background and descriptive information is contained in the record:

Date & Place of Birth	March 8, 1916, Petersburg, Va.
Height	5' 10"
Weight	165 lbs.
Race	Negro
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Build	Medium
Education	12th Grade
Civilian Occupation	Information Clerk
Military Occupation	Chief Clerk
Addresses	2737 Cruger Ave., Bronx, New York, (1941); 849 E. Bank St., Petersburg, Va., (1944); 116 W. 117th St., Apt. 6, New York City (1946); P. O. Box 65, Cooper Sta., New York 3, N. Y. (1949).
Relatives	Father - HANSON CRUSE, 116 W. 117th St., New York City; Grandmother - LELA B. CRUSE, 849 E. Bank St., Petersburg, Va.
LDB #	104 at Bronx, New York
Order #	465
Vet. Adm. Claim #	C-7326438

No photograph of subject was contained in the file.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Employee [REDACTED]

b7C On March 23, 1955, a review of the personnel records, Federal Records Center, General Services Administration, St. Louis, Missouri, for HAROLD W. CRUSE indicated that he was employed on October 2, 1945 as a Detail Clerk with the Veterans Administration, New York Branch of Central Office, 346 Broadway, New York, New York. His supervisors at the Veterans Administration were [REDACTED]

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This employment was terminated on June 24, 1946 by reason of resignation, personal reasons. When questioned, he stated he was going to school.

The following additional background information was contained in the file:

Education

Indicated four years of high school at an unspecified school.

Employment

Under this heading on application CRUSE indicated his Army service and stated he had temporary jobs of less than three months duration. These temporary jobs were not specifically set out.

Address

1945 - 116 W. 117th St., Apt. 6, New York, New York.

References

[redacted] - Student, [redacted]
[redacted] New York, New York.
[redacted] Wholesale Dairy
Dealer, [redacted] Bronx,
New York,
[redacted] Transportation
Employee, [redacted] New York,
New York.
[redacted] - Housewife,
[redacted] Bronx, New York.
[redacted] - Artist.

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Arrest

On application for employment dated September 28, 1945, he admitted an arrest in 1934 at Petersburg, Virginia for taking typewriter from a person. In City Court of Petersburg, Va., he was placed on probation.

Miscellaneous

Executed and signed Oath of Office Affidavit and Declaration of Appointee October 2, 1945, Section B of which is Affidavit Statement "Do further swear (or affirm) that I do not advocate, nor am I a member of any political party or

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organization that advocates the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence; and that during such time as I am an employee of the Federal Government, I will not advocate nor become a member of any political party or organization that advocates the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence."

Subject also executed and signed SF 57, Application for Federal Employment, on September 28, 1945 which, under Item 17, answered No to question, "Do you advocate or have you ever advocated, or are you now or have you ever been a member of any organization that advocates the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence?"

There was no photograph of subject contained in the file.

The date and place of birth were shown as March 8, 1916 at Petersburg, Virginia.

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Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 2/4/55 at New York.

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